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Chapter 1 by Bristol Fales-Hill

Lila couldn't see where she was going as she pushed through the crowd. The over-populated streets of the Plaza were never her style. Nevertheless her tan combat boots clicked on the cobblestone streets on her way to the docks. The young girl had to make it on time to see the graduates of Rimor School depart on their final journey.

"Wait! Rafael", she called out. Her brother turned to see the sweet child's face. They did not need words to express the love they had for each other so they simply embraced and waited.

Lila stared at the pendant around Rafael's neck: two beautiful storks, admiring each other. Feeling the need to comfort his sister, Rafael broke the charm in two, placing one half in the small chubby fingers that he knew would hold on forever.

He smiled as he mounted his bird, ready to take flight and whispered a single word to his sister. The word that would change her life: "Fly". And with that he left, and she never saw him again.

Chapter 2 by Victoria C.



Lila grawiin Sha just turned 18 and now it was her turn to graduate. She never forgot her

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Rafael was the one who raised her. For the last 8 years of her life at least. And after that? Well, she raised herself (though not very well). She had grown up to become sort of a cynical kind of girl. It almost seemed as if nobody loved her in the world and that took its toll on a person. Except for her brother. Her parents have forgotten about her though they see her every day. The only service they had really provided her with was paying the yearly tuition of Rimor School which was actually doing quite a lot, even if she secretly hated it. Her parents had no expectation for her. In her place, they only saw a failure. And they had little hope of fixing her. So, they already planned out the lie they were going to use when she did in their words "God knows what" next year. She was going to medical school. Following in Rafael's footsteps. And indeed she was. Following in Rafael's footsteps. She too was becoming an explorer.

This was in society's eyes, the lowest job a person could get- if it even qualifies as a job. It was the "job" you got when you could get no other. Basically, it requires no educational background whatsoever. And there was no pay either. But, it dealt with real problems instead of ignoring them. The dream was to go out and discover a new species of storks to domesticate. At least that's what most explorers wanted to do, but Lila hoped to find a cure. And then, liberate them from the town that so mercilessly threw them aside. The current storks had all contracted an illness that people feared would infect the town. So, they were putting them all to death. The beautiful birds that once glided through the sky carrying the citizens of Nebulous were being brutally murdered at the feet of those very same citizens. Lila intended to fix this. Oh, and follow the letter she had recently received to find her brother.

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